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And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE NEW AVENGERS

The Avengers are on the run! Until they can be sure who's on their side, Spider-Man, Captain America, Luke Cage, Ronin, Mockingbird, Spider-Woman and Ms. Marvel are using Captain America's hideout in Brooklyn as a safe house. Collectively they try to keep the values of the Avengers name alive even though they're living on the wrong side of the law.

Norman Osborn is the new political and media darling and director of H.A.M.M.E.R., the national peacekeeping taskforce, which includes his own team of Avengers.

The Hood, now in possession of the powerful Asgardian Norn Stones thanks to Loki, has made a pact with Osborn to have his syndicate of criminals hunt down the elusive Avengers. Meanwhile, Osborn prepares his forces for the invasion of Asgard.

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HELL'S KITCHEN.
THESE ARE THE NORN STONES. A GIFT FROM A POWERFUL FRIEND.
YEAH, HOOD...?
AND?
WITH THESE I CAN POWER YOU UP.
ALL OF YOU...
WAY PAST ANYTHING YOU'VE EVER HAD BEFORE.
I CAN GRANT YOU THE POWER TO FIND OTHER PEOPLE OF POWER. LIKE, LET'S SAY, THE AVENGERS.
BECAUSE TONIGHT WE'RE GOING HUNTING.
ARE YOU READY? SPEAK NOW.
UH, YEAH.

BROOKLYN.
I'M SORRY, STEVE.
I'M NOT MAD, BUCKY.
YES, YOU ARE.
JUST A LITTLE.
YOU GAVE ME YOUR STUFF TO KEEP AN EYE ON AND OSBORN GOT HIS HANDS ON IT.
EVERYONE IS SAFE, THOUGH. THE AVENGERS ARE IN ONE PIECE.
WELL, YES, BUT--
THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS. THE REST IS JUST STUFF.
BUT IT'S YOUR STUFF.
DID THEY FIND THE SAFEHOUSES?
NO.
WELL THEN, LET'S BE THANKFUL FOR SMALL--

KABOOM

DAMN, SO CLOSE.

BAM
BAM
BAM

AGH!
DAMN IT!
OH, MAN.
UH, THIS IS H.A.M.M.E.R. UNIT 23 ON THE GROUND IN BROOKLYN. WE GOT A SITUATION.
OPEN FIRE! SECURE THE AREA!
AAGH!
BAM
BAM
BAM
ZZAATTT

WHAT WAS *THAT?!*

WHERE'D HE GO?!

THIS IS H.A.M.M.E.R. AGENT 3534. WE HAVE A SITUATION HERE!

REQUEST BACKUP!

WAS THAT-- THAT HAWKEYE GUY?

WHICH ONE? OSBORN'S HAWKEYE OR THE OTHER HAWKEYE?

THE HELL DIFFERENCE DOES IT--?

THE OTHER ONE. THE ORIGINAL ONE.

BULLETS? REALLY?

WHAT KIND OF SUPER HERO HAS TO USE A--

THIS KIND.

BAM

AAGHH!

READ A BOOK!

I'M THE *LIVING LASER.* I'M MADE OUT OF LIGHT. YOU CAN'T KILL ME WITH A BULLET.

YEAH?

GOTCHA.

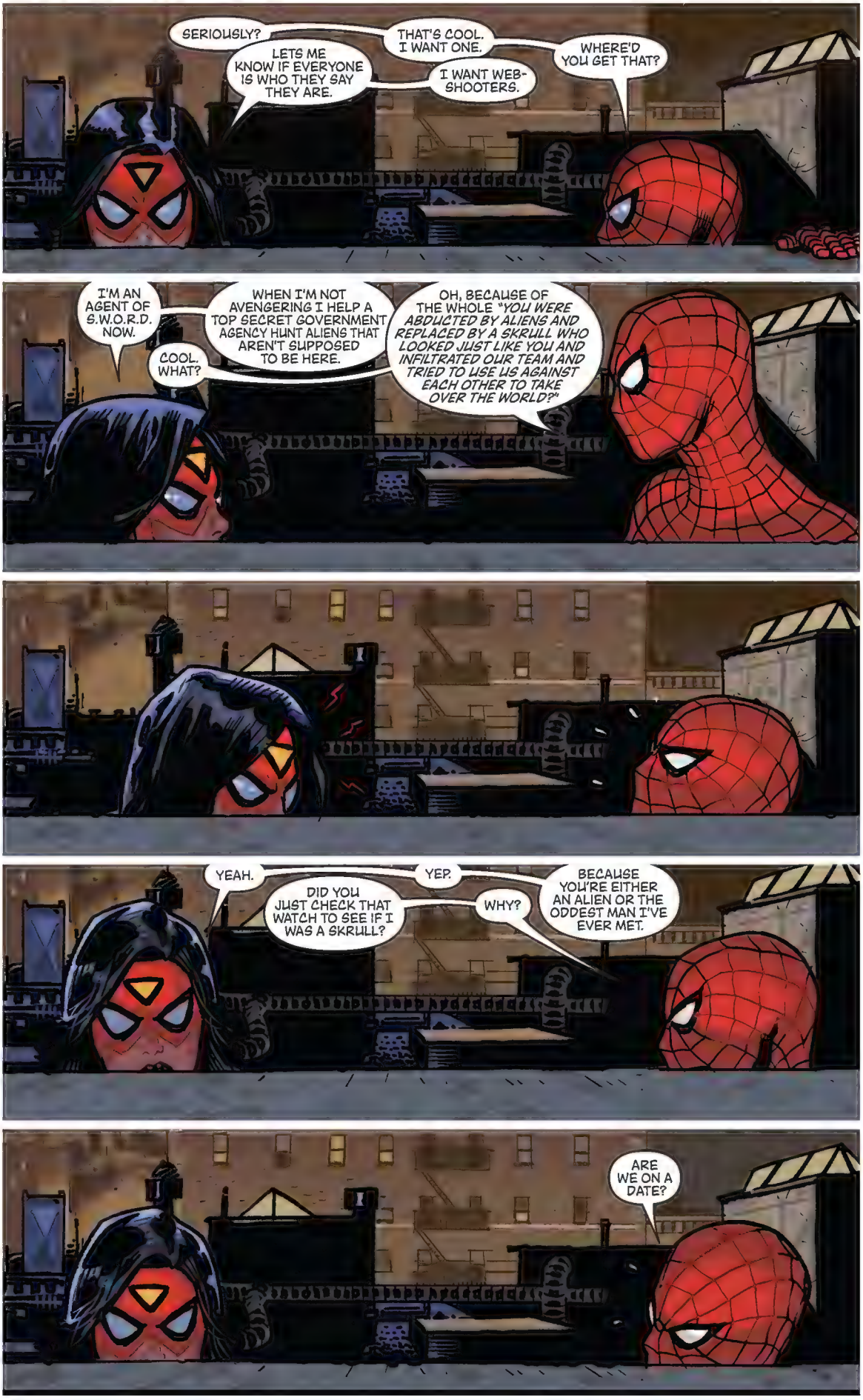
STOP FIGHTING.
I GAVE THE LASER A HEAD START, BUT I KNEW HE'D FIND A WAY TO BOTCH THIS UP.
SETTLE, SETTLE DOWN.
LET IT HAPPEN...
NN!
DO NOT FIRE THAT GUN, COSTUME.
YOU KNOW WHO I AM. I'M JACKSON DAY. THEY CALL ME THE CORRUPTOR.
I TOUCHED YOUR BARE SKIN. SKIN TO SKIN, MEANS I GOT YA.
MEANS I JUST DOUSED YOU WITH A PSYCHOACTIVE CHEMICAL SO STRONG THAT EVEN TELLING YOU I DOUSED YOU WITH A PSYCHOACTIVE CHEMICAL WON'T STOP YOU FROM DOING WHATEVER I WANT.
THING IS, TRUTHFULLY, A GUY LIKE YOU, A BRAIN LIKE YOURS, NORMALLY, I MIGHT HAVE A HARD TIME TAKING YOU OVER.
BUT I GOT A POWER UPGRADE RECENTLY AND IT LOOKS LIKE I GOT YOU WHERE I WANT YOU.
KISS THE GUN, CAPTAIN.
KISS IT.

MANHATTAN.
WHAT ART WE DOING HERE, FAIR SPIDER-WOMAN?
STOP TALKING LIKE A RENAISSANCE FAIRE GUY.
'TIS WHAT I DO WHEN I AM BORED.
I MEAN IT.
WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE, SERIOUSLY?
RECON.

THERE'S *SOMETHING* GOING ON.
IT'S AVENGERS TOWER. THERE'S *ALWAYS* SOMETHING GOING ON.
NO. THERE'S A LOT OF SCURRYING ABOUT. THEY'RE GETTING READY FOR SOMETHING.
MAYBE THEY ALL FIGURED OUT THEY'RE WORKING FOR A LUNATIC AND THEY DECIDED TO PACK UP AND GO HOME.

YOU'VE FOUGHT OSBORN.
I HAVE. I COULD FILL A "BEST OF" DISC OF OUR GREATEST HITS.
HOW CRAZY IS HE ON A SCALE OF ONE TO TEN?
ONLY TEN? I CAN'T GO HIGHER?
IS THAT FOR REAL? HE SEEMS TO KEEP IT TOGETHER ON CAMERA.
IT ABSOLUTELY IS.
THEN, I DON'T GET IT, WHY AREN'T YOU MORE MAD ABOUT HIM AND HOW HE'S WEASELED HIS WAY INTO POWER?

I AM. I COMPLETELY AM.
DON'T BE FOOLED BY MY GOOD-NATURED DEMEANOR...UNDER THIS MASK I AM TOTALLY MAKING A FURROWED BROW.
DON'T GOOF AROUND. I HATE IT.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO? RUSH THE CASTLE LIKE BARTON DID?
THAT I UNDERSTAND.
I DO TOO. I ALSO KNOW WHAT A DUMB MOVE IT IS AND WAS AND CONTINUES TO BE.
I PROMISE YOU, I PROMISE, NORMAN OSBORN WILL OVERSTEP AND HE WILL FALL ON HIS TUSHY AND EVERYONE WILL SEE WHAT A MANIAC HE IS.
HE ALWAYS DOES. ALWAYS.
AND WE WILL BE THERE TO WEB HIS HEAD TO THE FLOOR WHEN HE DOES.
BUT I PROMISE YOU, THAT IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN.
YES, THIS IS THE LARGEST CANVAS HE'S EVER HAD--BUT HE WILL FALL.
HE WILL. ALL BY HIMSELF.
IT MIGHT EVEN HAPPEN TODAY. IT COULD BE HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.
TONIGHT.
WHAT IS THAT?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
OH, COME ON. IS IT THE NEWEST MP3 PLAYER ALL THE KIDS ARE--?
IT'S AN ALIEN DETECTOR.


SERIOUSLY?
LETS ME KNOW IF EVERYONE IS WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE.
THAT'S COOL. I WANT ONE.
I WANT WEB-SHOOTERS.
WHERE'D YOU GET THAT?
I'M AN AGENT OF S.W.O.R.D. NOW.
COOL. WHAT?
WHEN I'M NOT AVENGERING I HELP A TOP SECRET GOVERNMENT AGENCY HUNT ALIENS THAT AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.
OH, BECAUSE OF THE WHOLE *"YOU WERE ABDUCTED BY ALIENS AND REPLACED BY A SKRULL WHO LOOKED JUST LIKE YOU AND INFILTRATED OUR TEAM AND TRIED TO USE US AGAINST EACH OTHER TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD?"*
YEAH.
DID YOU JUST CHECK THAT WATCH TO SEE IF I WAS A SKRULL?
YEP.
WHY?
BECAUSE YOU'RE EITHER AN ALIEN OR THE ODDEST MAN I'VE EVER MET.
ARE WE ON A DATE?

THIS IS H.A.M.M.E.R. AGENT 3465 AT AVENGERS HIDEOUT IN BROOKLYN.

WE'VE HAD AN INFILTRATION. WE DO NOT HAVE POSITIVE I.D.

I REPEAT, WE DO NOT HAVE POSITIVE I.D.

I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT GETTING DEAD.

THIS ISN'T GOOD. THIS IS THE KIND OF THING THAT GETS YOU THE BOOT.

=GIIY=

CRACK

=MMRR!=

OH MAN, UH--

SHUSH.

CRACK

THERE YOU ARE.

FWASH
THIS'LL DO FOR NOW.
BAM BAM BAM
SPING
SPING
SPING
RUN.
BUCKY? WHAT ARE YOU--?
STEVE, RUN...
I CAN'T NOT...
...DO THIS.

WE'RE BEING USED, MANDRILL.
EVERYONE IS USING EVERYONE IN THIS SITUATION.
I DON'T WANT TO HUNT AVENGERS.
THEN BAIL, GRIFFIN. GO.
AND PUT A *PRICE ON MY HEAD?* I'VE *HAD* A PRICE ON MY HEAD. IT'S NOT FUN.
I JUST HOPE *WE* GET SOMETHING OUT OF IT.
WE GOT *POWERED UP.* WE'RE *ALREADY* GETTING SOMETHING OUT OF IT.
I MEAN MONEY. I NEED MONEY.
THERE'S MORE HERE FOR US THAN MONEY.
LIKE?
LIKE, WE TAKE OUT EVEN ONE OF THESE RUNAWAY AVENGERS, JUST ONE, WE GET BUMPED UP.
BUMPED UP TO WHAT?
TO OSBORN'S INNER CIRCLE.
TO HIS A-TEAM. TO *HIS* AVENGERS.
WE GET A DELUXE APARTMENT IN THE SKY.
WHO SAID?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IT'S CLEAR.
TO WHO?
LOOK AT HIS TEAM. HE'S TAKING IN GUYS THAT DELIVER.
WE DELIVER... LIKE THIS? WE'RE IN.
YOU THINK?
YOU'LL SEE. AND I'M TELLING YOU, AT THIS STAGE IN MY LIFE I COULD USE SOME STEADY WORK. SOME STRUCTURE.
I'D RATHER KILL MYSELF.
I'M IN IT FOR THE MONEY. AND IF WE HAVE TO DO THIS TO GET TO THE NEXT THING... TO THE PAY-DAY...
WHAT DID YOU DO WITH OUR LAST PAYDAY? THE HOOD HAS DROPPED SOME SERIOUS SCORES IN OUR LAP.
DON'T COUNT MY MONEY.
I'M JUST SAYING. WE'VE--HOLD ON. LOOK THERE.

WELL DAMN.
YOU SEE THAT?
UH, NO.
THE NORN STONES. THE HOOD WAS RIGHT.
I CAN SEE-- I CAN SEE THINGS I'VE NEVER--
JUST POINT ME.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE MARRIED.
NO.
I THOUGHT I HEARD THAT.
NO. NEVER.
IS YOUR SPIDER-SENSE TINGLING?
MY WHAT? STOP HITTING ON ME!
UH-OH.

GREAT.

SMASK

ZZRRUTK

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON, DAY? LET'S BLAST THESE ASSHATS AND END THIS--

HOLD ON, LASER.

LET THIS WORK ITSELF OUT.

BUCKY, FIGHT PAST IT.

IT'S NOT ME.

I KNOW. IT'S CHEMICALS. IT'S JUST CHEMICALS.

JUST FIGHT PAST IT.

FOCUS. DROP THE GUN.

HOLY--

ON THE GROUND. ALL OF YOU.

HANDS OVER YOUR HEAD. THIS IS A--

ZZAAAFFT

ZZAAAFFT

ZZAAAFFT

SHUT UP.

YOU'RE-- YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RUN.

RUN AWAY.

STOP PLAYING AROUND. WE GOTTA--

WATCH.

NO. THIS IS THE KIND OF CRAP THAT ALWAYS GETS US IN TROUBLE.

IT'S JUST CHEMICALS, BUCK.

I KNOW. BUT IT'S STILL--

YOU'RE WRONG, LASER.

THIS IS THE KIND OF CRAP THAT MAKES US.

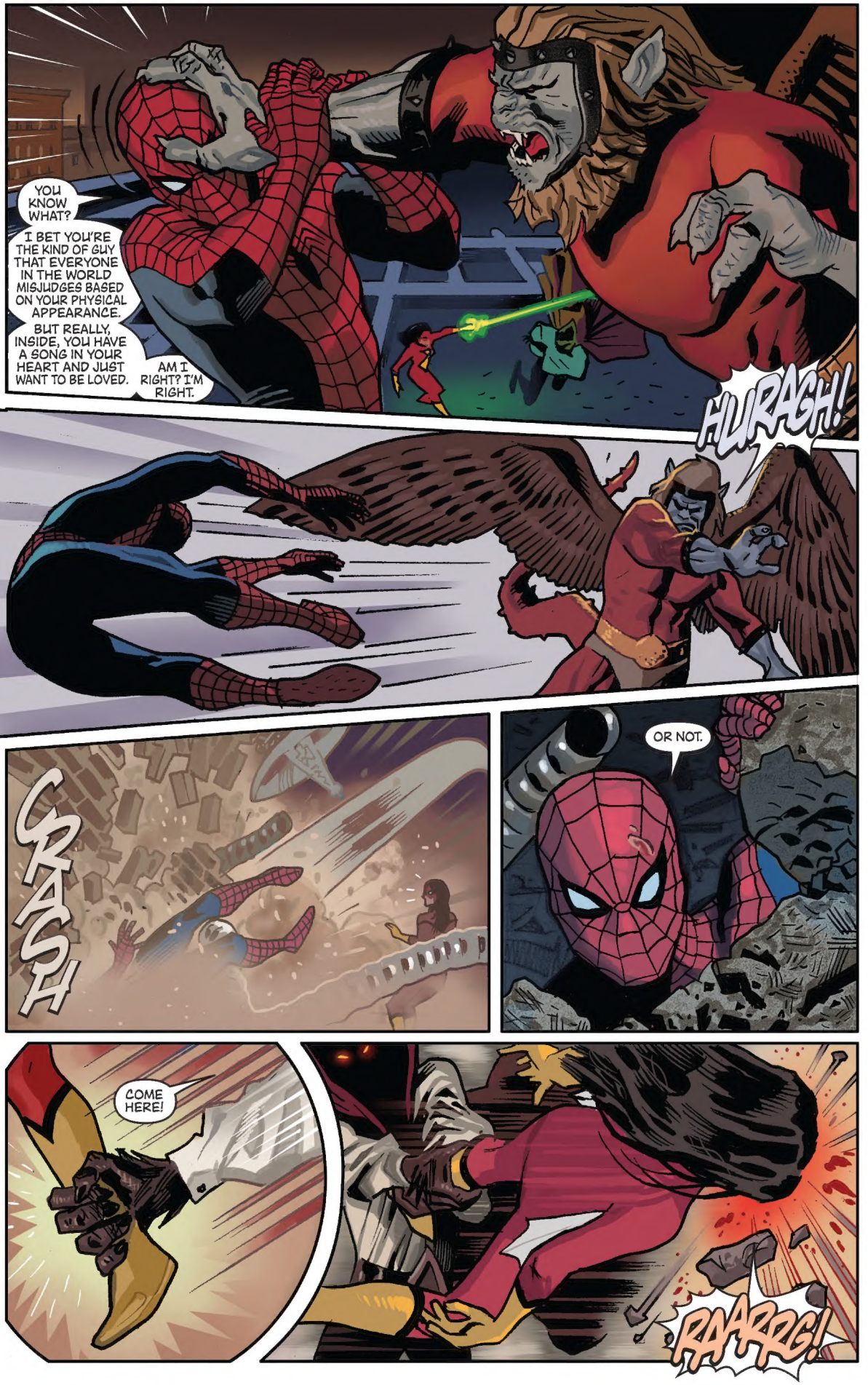
CAPTAIN, I WANT YOU TO KILL HIM AND EAT HIM.

NOW!

BAMBAMBAMBAMBAMBAM

RRUUNN!

GGKK!
WHAT ARE YOU--?
GGKKSS!
OH #$%, I TOLD YOU.
KRKRUNN.
CRASH
COME ON, MAN!
HOLD ON... HOLD ON...
STAND UP, SOLDIER.
I TOLD HIM--!
I TOLD HIM NOT TO PLAY AROUND. I TOLD HIM TO JUST KILL YOU FAST.
YOU WERE RIGHT.
I KNOW.


YOU KNOW WHAT?
I BET YOU'RE THE KIND OF GUY THAT EVERYONE IN THE WORLD MISJUDGES BASED ON YOUR PHYSICAL APPEARANCE.
BUT REALLY, INSIDE, YOU HAVE A SONG IN YOUR HEART AND JUST WANT TO BE LOVED.
AM I RIGHT? I'M RIGHT.
HURAGH!
CRASH
OR NOT.
COME HERE!
RAARRG!

YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME, SWEETIE?
I KNOW YOU SMELL LIKE WEEK-OLD CORN.
YOU KNOW I CAN CONTROL THE MINDS OF WOMEN?
GOOD FOR YOU. HOW ELSE ARE YOU GOING TO GET-- AGH!
KILL SPIDER-MAN.
COME ON! COME ON! LET'S DO THIS!
I'M COMING!
JEEZ...
HEY, IS IT ME, OR ARE YOU MUCH STRONGER THAN USUAL?
HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING OUT OR--?
ZZAATTK
AGH!

VERY NICE.
NOW, BEFORE YOU KILL YOURSELF FOR ME...
YOU NEED TO SHOW US WHERE THE OTHER AVENGERS ARE HIDING.
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